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**REMARKS**

Claims 1-21 are pending in the application. Claim 1, 7, 15, 19, and 21 are independent.

The specification has been objected to because the examiner believes it contains informalities. However, the two lines cited by the examiner as containing informalities are correct. The first cited correctly line refers to byte-0, as filed, instead of byte-3, as suggested by the examiner, because it is the value of byte-0 that is being corrected and read. The second cited line correctly refers to a replaceable portion, as filed, instead of an irreplaceable portion, as suggested by the examiner, because boxes 720, 721, and 722 are performed if the dataword includes a replaceable portion, and box 730 is performed if not.

Claims 1-14 and 21 have been allowed.

Claims 15 and 19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being indefinite. Claims 16-18 and 20 have been objected to as depending on these rejected claims. In response, claims 15 and 19 have been amended.

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**CONCLUSION**

Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections of claims 15 and 19 and the objections to claims 15-19 and 20 have been overcome, and that claims 1 to 21 are in condition for allowance. Therefore, the issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Please charge any necessary fees, including extension fees, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0221.

Respectfully submitted,

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